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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL ON INDUSTRY

1. THE PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL ON INDUSTRY THIS YEAR PICKS UP THE CALL FOR "STABILITY AND UNITY," BUT OTHERWISE STEERS CAUTIOUSLY BETWEEN THE CURRENT TWIN THEMES OF INCREASING PRODUCTION AND ESCHEWING MATERIAL INCENTIVES. TOUCHING ALL BASES, THE EDITORIAL PARAPHRASES RECENT GUIDING REMARKS BY CHANG CHUN-CHIAO AND YAO WEN-YUAN ON UPHOLDING SOCIALIST PRINCIPLES, AND CONCLUDES WITH A REITERATION OF CHOU EN-LAI'S CALL FOR BUILDING A "POWERFUL MODERN SOCIALIST CHINA." CADRES ARE GIVEN NO NEW THOUGHTS ON HOW TO ADVANCE TOWARD THAT GOAL WITHOUT STEPPING OUT OF IDEOLOGICAL BOUNDS.

2. THE EDITORIAL IS SILENT ABOUT THE WAGE GRIEVANCES CURRENTLY TROUBLING INDUSTRY AND MAKES NO CLEAR ALLUSION TO DISCIPLINARY MEASURES SUCH AS APPEAR UNDERWAY IN WUHAN WHERE THE MILITIA

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INDUSTRIAL PROBLEM AREAS SINGLED OUT AT MID-YEAR LAST YEAR--
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UNDERSTANDABLY, THIS YEAR'S EDITORIAL DOES NOT REPEAT LAST
YEAR'S (APRIL 10) ENTHUSIASM FOR POLITICAL MOVEMENTS AND
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